



# FOCUS ON CHRIST

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*The third week of the month it is our goal to fill the newsletter with information about the ELCA, the Sierra Pacific Synod, and our East Bay Conference. This reminds us that our ministry is part of a larger ministry to the world, our Synod, and our Conference area.*

## NEWS FROM THE ELCA

- Through the ELCA Global Mission unit, the ELCA **supports missionaries and companion church** ministries in over 90 countries. Programs that address the root causes of **hunger and poverty** are funded through the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.
- Through participation in the Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and other Lutheran partner organizations, the ELCA **joins Lutherans around the world** in seeking solutions for the healing of the world.

When **disaster strikes**, ELCA International Disaster Response brings God's comfort, healing and renewal. When the dust settles and the media go home, we stay – to provide ongoing assistance for the sick, unemployed, homeless and grieving.

## NEWS FROM SIERRA PACIFIC SYNOD

### -Letter from Bishop Mark Homerud

In a recent letter from Bishop Homerud he expressed appreciation for those who attended his Service of Installation at St. John Lutheran in Sacramento. Pastor Sharon, Peter and Nora Krey, and Jane Strohl from our congregation attended. At the Installation, it was announced that a Call to serve as Bishop's Associate was extended to Pastor Nancy Nelson serving at Coastside Lutheran Church in Half Moon Bay. She has accepted that call and will begin serving in the office of the bishop on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Bishop also announced that Chuck Ruthroff, Bill Wong, and Sue Schultz will no longer be serving on the Bishop's staff. Request was made for continued prayers for the Bishop during this transition time.

-**Synod note**-Pastor Sharon is serving as Interim Coach Coordinator for the Synod.

-**The new Bible study for the Women** of the ELCA is 'The Hidden Hand of God: Wisdom Stories from Ruth, Esther, and Daniel.

-**Lutheran Social Services of Northern California** was recently honored as a "Model Disaster Preparedness Agency" by the Fritz Institute. The honor results from the agency's pioneering efforts in increasing disaster response capacity for underserved communities

## NEWS FROM EAST BAY CONFERENCE

-**PLTS** received a check for \$225,000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation. The grant will support the growth and development of the Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) program, providing funding for additional training of mentors; website development and online program support. TEEM is a program that prepares women and men for ordained ministry in the ELCA. The TEEM program has graduated

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over 91 persons from across the country to become pastors, chaplains, mission developers, outreach specialist, and members of synodical and churchwide staffs.

**-PLTS Founder's Day. September 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

Speaker is Bishop Mark W. Homerud. Topic: "Beyond Bureaucracies & Ivory Towers: PLTS & the Sierra Pacific Synod at Work in the West." Registration & Lunch: Suggested Donation \$15  
Please register with Linda Ely at 510.559.2731 by Wednesday, September 17, 2008.

**East Bay Conference Fall Assembly. Sunday, October 12.**

Sandra Hare and George Fosselius serve on the Conference Cabinet. We will get word out later re: starting time and agenda. Bishop Mark Holmerud will be with us.



**NEW BEGINNINGS!  
SCHOOL STARTS AUG. 25<sup>TH</sup>**



Next Sunday-Join in our back to School Celebration!

Let's send our children and youth off with our prayers and good wishes. You are invited to bring a # 2 pencil or a pacifier or rattle for our new little ones. They will be presented to the children during coffee hour.



*Correction to last Sundays Newsletter 8-10-08: Wes Telyea's office hours : Monday through Thursday, 10 am-2 pm.*

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**THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

**Wednesday:** 7:30 pm. Evening Prayer Service

**Friday:** 6:00 pm. Leadership Retreat at the Osman's, 2656 Silverado Dr. Pinole

**Saturday:** 9:00 am. Steering Team-Pastor's Office

<u>Financial update as of Aug. 10, 2008</u>		
	General HARP	
Actual	105,164	7,200
Needed	105,197	7,385

